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Reading Our Favorites

Recently all reading students in Michigan Avenue filled out surveys about their favorite authors and books as well as giving information about their hobbies and interests.

Here is a summary of what were the likes, interests and favorites.

In the order of preference, the favorite hobbies were reading, basketball, shopping, swimming, drawing, skating, dancing, baseball, soccer, and listening to music.

Middle schoolers' book subject picks were first of all, mystery and adventures. Then, romance, horror, sports, fiction, suspense, and comedy. Finishing last were science fiction and action.

Favorite authors in the order they received the most votes were Stephen King, Christopher Pike, R.L.Stine, Judy Blume, Lois Duncan, Francis Pascal, S.E.Hinton, Richard Peck, Ann M. Martin, and Danielle Steel.

Favorite titles included in order of preference also: Pet Sematary, Silence of the Lambs Dollhouse Murders, The Babysitters Club , Sweet Valley anything, Hatchet, Hardy Boys, Where the Red Fern Grows, Nancy Drew and Misery.

Collecting this information and summarizing it was a major task. We'd like to thank Seanna Sullivan, Molly Kuntz, Jessica Surdy, Dawn Curry, Angela Yale and Tara Sperry.

Brad Charlier-
This is a happy valentines day from your girl Jennifer.

AMERICA AND ME WINNER

Rebekah Kneller's essay in the America and Me contest was awarded first place this month by a committee of judges representing Farm Bureau, the contest' sponsor. Her essay now proceeds to the state competition where it could win her (and nine other 8th graders) a thousand dollar bond plus a trip to Lansing to dine with Governor Engler and other dignitaries.

Second place went to Katie Markovich and third place was awarded to Mary Tapper.

Becky's name will be engraved on the plaque in the trophy case in the main lobby.

To My Valentines...

The box in the office was filled to the brim... However, you won't see some of the ones turned in. There are always a few jokers.

To my best friend Kari
I hope you have the most dearest and nicest valentines day.
Your friend,
Apple

To: C.C.M.
Hope you have a great valentines day.
From: C.S.M.

To Albert,
This is just a note to say Have a happy valentines day.
From me.

To Stacy because I love her very much.
From Tim Minny

DEAR EDITOR,

The school has recently asked the students what books they would like in the library. Horror, Mystery, Romance and adventure were most of the picks. A lot of the teachers flip through the pages first to see how long it is. While they are doing that they also look for some choice words. We have heard those words many times. They are no surprise. We should not have to get our books previewed. We are smart enough to choose our own books. Therefore, censorship of our books is stupid.

A. Neumier

Dear Editor,

This letter is about censorship. The question is, why have it in libraries? What I mean is, why do we have books that have swearing in them if we can't even read Huck Finn?

In some books there are some of the grossest things like murders. They tell the details like how they disected a body. Other times there are books that turn a romance into someone either getting murdered or tortured.

In some ways censorship is good but, if we censor great classics like Huck Finn, isn't that giving some people the key to violence?

Some books are o.k. for people. Shouldn't we have, at least, a section in the library where we can get parents consent to check a book out, instead of having a choice to not read at all. CENSORSHIP STINKS!
(Editor's Note: This is only the writers point of view)

Roses are red
Violets are blue
When I got this newspaper
I got a card too.

a.neumeier

Shick Tracer .. Continues

In our last episode, Tracer was being gunned down by 100 hundred drunk, fat, trigger happy gangsters with bad breath. Luckely, the gangsters were drunk and couldn't figure out two times two, even if they were sober. Some were so stupid that they pointed there guns backwards.

Tracer made an easy escape, and he wrote down the address of the hideout. Now, you are probably thinking, where is the beautiful heroin? Well, it just so happens that Tracer got out just in time for his date with his babe, Gillete.

In the Wine Her and diner Gillete asked "Why are you late?".

Tracer answered "I was tied up!"

Along with Gillete was Tracers partner, the Kub. "Kub, I have bad news", said Kubiak. "The mayors daughter was kidnapped and there is a 40,000 dollar ransom."

"Why do I care. The mayor should have enough bribe money to handle it."

Tune in next time, same school newspaper, same secluded corner on the back. Catch all the action, drama, and corny jokes. See if Tracer saves the mayor's daughter, or if he lets the corrupt city officials handle it.

BE COOL

Rob Gehl

Being cool is not having cool clothes,
It is not having the right hair-do,
Being cool is being you.
Being cool is not your attitude
It's not being so popular,
Being cool is being who you are.
Being cool is not hanging around preps,
It's not the type of shoes you wear
Being cool is being fair.
Anyone who thinks they're cool should maybe think again.

Jessica Surdy

ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS ARE BLUE
I SENT YOU THIS CARD
CAUSE I LOVE YOU

HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY

Love:

MY LOVE I GIVE

fold on lines

From Ms. Brown's Kitchen

Traditional Australian Fare

LAMINGTONS

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter
2/3 cup sugar
2 large eggs
Vanilla
1/2 cup milk
2 cups self-raising flour
pinch salt

Method:
1. Beat butter and sugar to a cream.
2. Add vanilla.
3. Add eggs one at a time and beat well.
4. Sift flour and salt togeter.
5. Add flour and milk alternatly and mix lightly into a soft dough.
6. Turn into a greased and floured shallow square or oblong tin.
7. Bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour.
8. When quite cold cut into squares of uniform size.
9. Dip each cake in icing then roll in coconut. Set aside to become form.

ICING

Ingredients:
1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
3/4 Table spoons cocoa.
Boiling water
vannila

Method:
1 Sift icing sugar into a bowl.
2. Blend cocoa with a little boiling water.
3. Work into icing sugar, adding more water if necessary. Add vanilla.

PAVOLA

Ingredients:

- 4 large egg whites
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 2 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon vinegar

Method:

1. Beat egg whites untill very stiff.
2. Very gradually add the sugar while beating vigorously.
3. Fold in cornstarch with the last of the sugar. Add vanilla and vinegar and mix lightly.
4. Wet a pavola plate with cold water, then spread mixture to form a shell. (any large flat baking surface.)
5. Place in oven Pre-heated to 400f then set at 300f and bake undisturbe for 1 1/4-1 1/2 hours.
6. When cold fill pavola shell with whipped cream and fruit such as strawberries,passionfruit,or fruit salad

More Valentines

John,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue
Hey baby I love you.
Kat

DEar Valentine/Alison Coles,
You are nice friend.
Hope you have a happy valentines day.
From someone in your class.

Happy Valentines Day, Tricia.
You're my valentine. from Matt.

Amy
You are really a special person. You're number one. I'll always be with you. I love you.
Love,
Your secret admirer

Joey,
I'll you forever.

My half of the heart is broken. I didn't want to break up. Secret Admirer.
(this is not from Mikki.)

To Christen Janakee,
Dear Valentine,
You are a pretty cool friend. Hope you have a happy valentine from someone in your class.

Marie,
Happy Valentines Day.
Love,
Neal

Ryan R.,
You're like a sweet piece of candy that I will love forever.
Melanie

Happy Valentines Day, David Bush.
From ?

Beverly Hills 90210 Continues..

More glimpses of the stars of Beverly Hills 90210 are continued here in this issue.

Gabrielle Carteris, who plays Andrea Zuckerman on 90210, left her friends and family in SanFrancisco to act at age 14. Her first professional role was on the show "Another World". She also starred in many after-school specials and off-BRoadway plays.

She is considered a real"jock" who loves to scub-dive, downhill ski,and practices Tiachi.

Tori Spelling, otherwise called, Donna Martin, began acting at age six. She has guest-starred on "Saved by the Bell", "Monsters Hotel", "The Wizard", "The Loveboat", "T.J.Hooker", and "Fantasy Island."

She loves to shop in her hometown of L.A. and she also digs sports,sketching, painting and writing.

Jeenie Garth, who plays Kelly Taylor, grew up in Champaign, Illinois. She has appeared on the "Circus of the Stars" and guest-starred on "Growing Pains." She was also in the film "Teen Angel Returns."

Jeenie is really a supporter of animal rights and spends a lot of her spare time on environmental issues.

Ian Ziering,who plays STeve Sanders, grew up in West Orange, New Jersey. He has been inthe Broadway shows "Peter PAn" and "I Remember Mama." He starred also in soap operas such as "Guiding Light" and "Love of Life". He was also in the movie "Endless Love."

He likes to surf and wants to study marine biology.

by l.smith and a. christensen

In the Swim...

Those who had no D's , F's or U's went swimming last FRiday and today at KVCC. A great time for all involved.

DREAMS

Dreams are eraser dust-
I blow off my page.
They fade into the emptiness
Another dark grey day.
Dreams are only memories
Of the plans I had back then.
Dreams are eraser dust,
And now I use pen.

tara rowe

Trisha

Trisha was a cat,
Solid gray
Very pretty, very sweet,
She had a certain way.

Slept on the chair
Day by day,
Evenings in the barn
On the soft yellow hay.

One day she was missing
I didn't know why
Does a friend have to die?

I miss her a lot
Day by day,
Not often do you find a cat
Solid gray.

carissa sweet

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Extra! Extra! Read all about it.
Valentine's Day is today so eveyone shout it.
This is a day that you don't want to miss,
So get your cheeks ready
Pucker up for that kiss.
February 14th is the day of great fun
Now get out your valentines
Send one to your hon.
I guarantee you that this day will be a dandy,
You may get some chocolate or a big box of candy.
So get yourself ready and make yourself shine,
Because you may be someone's special Valentine.

l.smith

Friends

If your friend is not kind,
It's not a friend worth having.
If your friend doesn'T share,
It's not a friend worth having.
A good friend is faithful to you always.

If your friend ignores you,
It's not a friend worth having.
If your friend is not trustworthy,
It's not a friend worth having.
A good friend is honest.

If your friend is not cheery,
It's not a friend worth having.
If your friend does not have fun,
It's not a friend worth having.
A friend is usually outgoing to a point.

j.surdy

My Valentine is sweet
He is gentle and kind
I am always to true to him
Just as he is to me.

Ever since our fingers toucvched I felt a special spark,
The spark told me we were meant to be
Together-not apart.

J. Surdy

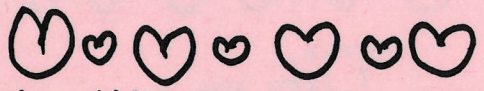
Your very own place to say Happy Valentine's Day!

Boys on Basketball Team

The seventh grade boys basketball team consists of 23 players. They are David Bush, Chad Heldt, Matt Weller, Doug Diemer, Andy Axe, Jason Zinkil, Jeff Edinger, Matt Parker, Tim McCormick, Artie Wilcox, Jeremiah Bergeson, Louis Williams, Benjie Merril, Brandon Shannon, Bill McCorkle, Brad Selent, Josh Traughber, Brandon Root, David Holly, Brad Hassler, Jim Yarberry, Mony Matyas, and Dennis Sellon. They had a pretty good year.

The eighth grade boys basketball consists of an "A" team and a "B" team. The "A" team has 11 players and the "B" team has 22 players. Starting with the "A" team, the guards are Dave Clark, Chris Wielinga, Nick Harling, Juri Groenland, Bob Palmetier, Brandon Surdy, and Steve Shreve. The forwards are Mike Jordan, Mike Pryor, Steve Abshagen, and Trevor Wright.

The "B" team has 14 guards and 9 forwards. Starting with the guards they are Kris McCorkle, Tony Cupani, Riley DeJesus, Craig Bay, Danny Perkins, William Lacy, Josh Axe, Josh Golladay, Shawn Soudek, Brandon Black, Jody Silber, Jim Branch, Brian Kelleher, and Richard Holcomb. The forwards are Pete Pokrfkye, Tyler Burns, Mark Sparks, Scott Ernestes, Tim Hewitt, Derek Nondorf, Derek Bugg, Brett Jones, and Aaron Harrison.



Becky will you go with me? Be my valentine please. Give me a big kiss Friday at KVCC. See you there.
Zach

DEAR SAM,

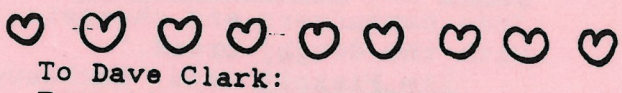
Dear Sam,
I am in love with my brother-in-law. Ever since he and my sister-in-law have been going out together and got married a year ago, I have had this undeniable crush , right from the start. Help me. I think he is catching on.

Wrongly in love

Dear Wrong,
As you stated before you have a crush on your brother-in-law. This being the case you should try to overcome it. If you hang onto the crush you are likely to hurt yourself. You should try going after boys your own age instead of going after someone who is basically unattainable.

Dear Sam,
I have problems controlling my emotions. Every time something bad happens, they go out of control-even when a teacher gets mad. Besides, I'm in 8th grade and I still cry a lot.
Weeping willow

Dear Willow,
I know the kind of problem you have. I have had them too. But through time I learned to control them. One of the best ways to control anger and hurt is to simply close your eyes and think a peaceful thought. Other ways are taking a few deep breaths and letting yourself relax. Try someway of changing your thoughts at that moment. Try to realize too that being weepy is part of adolescence and accept that part of you that is sensitive.



To Dave Clark:
From Lisa and Lisa
Roses are red
Violets are blue...(them for the rest of the story.)

How Do You Like Lunch?

The lunch surveyers asked "What do you think about our school lunch?"

Heather Culton said, "It should be banished off the face of the earth." Juri Groenland said,"It flies pretty well."

Chad Heldt says,"It crawls off your plate and the nuggets jump." Alicia Dacoba thinks "there are other things she'd rather eat than uncooked nuggets."

Brandon Black would rather eat "garbage" Jessica Surdy thinks "It tastes like road kill." Ryan Sibert thinks it's probably " toxic waste." Kelly Zirkle says,"Gag me with a spoon-preferably a clean one."

Josh Golladay is worried that we don't get enough "vitamins, minerals and protein."

The second question posed was"What is your favorite lunch?" Josh Rogers likes the "Cheeseburgers." Dave Clark "does not wish to comment." Lisa Satayut also says she has "no comment."

Angela Mihelich likes "pizza" as does most of the school. Erryn Rice likes "salad bar". Kenny Hadden Branch likes "chicken nuggets" while Louis Williams likes "hamburgers and hot dogs."

The third question asked was "What is your least favorite lunch?"

Jessica Silber said,"fishwiches and those steakum things." Jayme Russ says,"Breakfast food."

Adam Dudycha least likes "barbecue on a bun." Jennifer Cutler says "steakums look like road kill, smell like it too."

Jessica Dent thinks "steakums" look like " shoe soles." Molly Kuntz agrees. Kari Vesey and Shannon Streich say the "raw hamburgers and cheeseburgers with the doughy bread."

Tim Pickett said,"Barbecue chicken." Sarah Slager thinks the "grilled cheese and soup " is her least favorite.

Chris Moore offered to write a whole paragraph on how he "gags on the lasagna."

In summary,you guys said that the best three lunches were "Tony's pizza, chicken nuggets (when thoroughly cooked), and salad bar were the best. The worst were "steakums, chicken and unusual burgers."

Ms. Brown's Classes Celebrate Jan 26

Australia Day was celebrated on Jan.26, 1992 in Ms. Brown's room. Ms. Brown lived in Australia for 29 years.

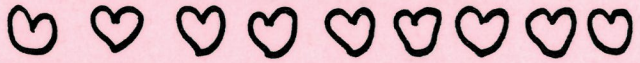
Her favorite Australian foods are lamingtons,pavola, pumkinscones and veggimite. She told us that kids only went to school in Australia for ten years and they can drop out without parents' consent. They can also choose to continue their schooling.

The Australia day celebrates when the first convicts landed in Australia. It was a dumping ground for convicts that England had no room for.

Australia was discovered by James Cook in 1770. On his second visit he was executed by local natives. (obviously he discovered he wasn't the first human on the continent.)

Australia is a country of 16 million people and its independence day is July 14 when it became a commonwealth independent of Great Britain. Tjhey have a multi-parliament government with Queen Elizabeth as head of state and Paul Keating as head of the government.

a.n. and j.d.



Angela,
I love you very much.
Thank you for being there.
love,
your secret admirer

Dear valentine/Angie,

Hope you have a happy valentine.
From secret admirer.

Cinnamon Remembered

My hamster yawns sleepily, exposing her sharp pointed teeth and gets up gracefully, revealing her brown rear and mask. Then she stretches and yawns again, showing off her her bald neck- a neck as bald as an old man's head. She goes to her food dish, picking out just the corn, looking up at her intruder.

She seems to ask "What are you looking at?" Sitting up pretty, she almost looks human. She's as sneaky as a mobster and can shovel more than a million pounds of corn away in her pouches. Her curious little nose pokes into everything in sight until she lazily nests it in her paws as she falls asleep.

In loving memory of Cinnamon.

by h. culton

My Tree

On a very hot day, my tree gives me shade.
Its leaves are like a guardian hangingso low,
It watches over me as I read under it.
As I climb its branches, it makes sure I don't lose my balance.
Its leaves make shadows in the dark to play hide and seek.
My tree towers over my home,
A great protector.

tara rowe

The Good Timers this issue were Brandon Black, Neal Edwards, Tara Pullen, Dawn Curry, Angela Yale, Bill Briley, Carisa Sweet, Kristy Miller, Josh Golladay, Troy Imus, Amy Christensen, Val Holzwarth, Allison Coles, Sarah Slager, Heather Culton, Autumn Travis, Vicki Miller, Kristen Janecke, Nick Zygadlo, Jessica Dent, Angela Neumeier, Seanna Sullivan, Amanda Alexander, Matt Coash, Lindsey Smith, Jessica Handley, Kristin Meyers, Jenny Yerty, Laureen McKenzie, Giera McIntosh, and Rebecca Hoffman.

Art teacher Assesses Year

"I love my first year at Paw Paw Middle School," Miss Grabowski said as her face lit up with excitement as she said those few words. She enjoys working with all of her students and she wants to stay our art teacher for a long time.

She says the reason why she chose our school is that "She loves our community and the people in it too."

Her backround was, she lived in Portage and Kalamazoo, graduated from Mattawan High School and then from Western. She first started seriosly drawing when she was about 11 or 12. Her first piece of art were, as she said, "Are probably the drawings in the art room, because she put alot of effort into them"

She wanted to be an art teacher because, "I've always enjoyed art. It is a fun job to do everyday."She says the advantages of being an art teacher are:

-I get to meet a lot of great kids.

-I can help them realize that they can do well in art.

-My job revolves around my interests (art, artists, creativity, etc.)

-She also likes teaching more than subbing!

Tara Pullen

To Carrie Martin
Happy Valentines.

Becky Henley
Be my secret valentine.
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JAN. 31st DANCE FUN!

The Beach Party Blowout was a great success! Thank you to the Paw Paw Band Boosters for planning and chaperoning the dance.

There were prizes awarded to to these people: Towels to Albert Houston, and Caitlin Bloink. Sunglasses to Trisha Evans, Denny Starbuck, a mystery person, and Kurt Strasser. Posters to Andy Ball and Lindsey Smith. Sports bottles to Genevieve Osbon, Sarah Vesey, Sara Weaver, and Josh White. Free snacks were given to Ryan Miller, Jill Gray, and Alison Nelson.

A lot of people also played the Limbo and here are the winners: Danny Perkins, Christi Taylor, Tara Sperry, Linda Garcia, and Brad Hassler.

Even though it was a little cold since everybody was wearing "Beach Clothes."

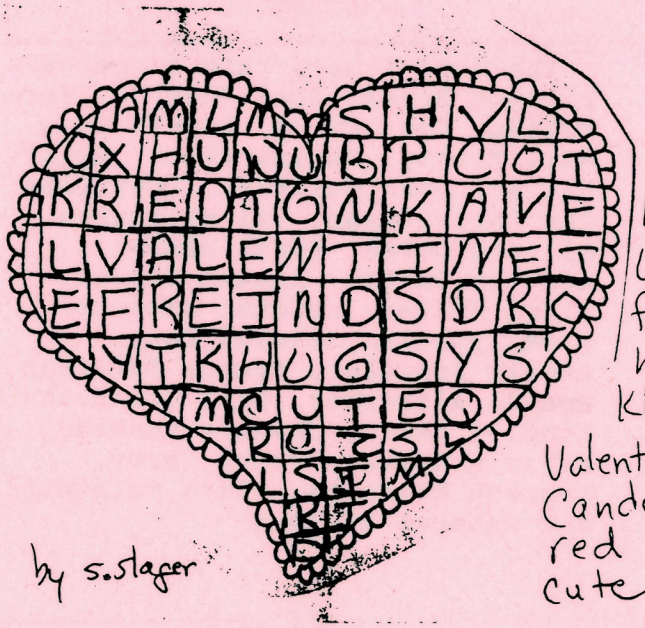
FAVORITE COLLEGES

Of the 45 people we surveyed, 11 of those were in favor of MSU. MSU was the leader by two points, and U of M had nine people in favor of them (Ten including the editor). Notre Dame was a close third with eight. WMU was fourth with six fans. Nobody was close for a while but UCLA was fifth with four people. We had a tie for sixth with Georgetown and Yale and people who did not know were two. North Carolina had one person.

Notre Dame had started out ahead, with MSU right behind it. U of M was third but, as MSU pulled into first and U of M quickly pulled into 2nd. Notre Dame was pushed into third. Was your favorite university one of the top three winners. Ours was!

Laura McKenzie and Jenny Yerty

Valentine Word Search



Smith's Spud . . .

My hamster is sure an adorable little animal. He is brown and soft and is as furry as a bear. His name is Spud and he is very playful. He lets you pick him up whenever you want to but, be careful because he will slip out of your hands as fast as lightnig. Spud loves to eat! His favorite food is lettuce. When he gets really hungry he takes his big, green pellets and stuffs them in his jaws. It is very funny to watch him eat because, his jaws look huge. Hamsters are usually pretty quiet but, not mine. Whenever I am trying to sleep at night I can never fall asleep because Spud is always running around in his hampster wheel getting his wheel getting his exercise. His wheel is so squeaky and noisy it drives me crazy! I do not have Spud anymore though. One night he somehow got out of his cage upstairs and slipped through our wide heater vents. Then he fell to the furnace and got fried since it was winter. I Know that isn't the prettiest thought but, it is true. Later that day we smelt burnt hair from the heaters and realized that Spud was gone. He is still in our memories though.

(Editors Note: This is a true story about Lindsey Smith's late hamster Spud).